

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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TO: SERVICE DELIVERY AREA ADMINISTRATORS
PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL CHAIRPERSONS
JTPD PROGRAM OPERATORS
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JTPD STAFF

SUBJECT: JTA SYSTEM VERSION 3.11.0 RELEASE

The purpose of this Bulletin is to inform you that the Job Training Partnership Division (JTPD) is releasing Job Training Automation (JTA) Version 3.11.0 beginning March 6, 1998. A detailed description of the software changes is attached. Timeshare JTA Service Delivery Areas (SDA) should expect the software to be available to use beginning March 9, 1998. Standalone JTA SDAs can access the release files at the Shasta County Private Industry Council's server site on March 9, 1998.

This software release includes modifications and enhancements that are a result of calls to the JTA Help Desk and suggestions from SDA staff for improving the JTA system, as well as updates to make the JTA system compliant with Year 2000 requirements.

Release 3.10.0 must be installed prior to the installation of this release.

Should you have any questions regarding the JTA release, please call the JTA Help Desk at (916) 653-0202.

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Attachment

JOB TRAINING AUTOMATION (JTA) RELEASE NOTES

SDA Release 3.11.0

NOTE TO TIMESHARE SERVICE DELIVERY AREAS (SDA): This release will be installed over the weekend. We ask that you do not access your system from Friday, March 6, 1998, at 6:00 p.m. through Monday, March 9, 1998, at 8:00 a.m.

Programs Modified:

EAPS - Enter Adjustment to Performance Standards - Log # 4149

Changes have been made to this program to accommodate Year 2000 requirements.

ECCC - Enter Component Code Change - Log # 4093

The program ECCC was not working properly when a null option code was used on either the old component number or new component number. This program has been modified so that null option codes are handled properly.

ELEF - Enter Local Economic Factors - Log # 4140, 4149

This program was requiring entry of figures in both the county and sub-county columns, even though the user had specified one or the other. The program has been modified to allow entry only in the requested column ("C" for County or "S" for Sub-County). The program also now allows entry of negative values.

Changes have been made to this program to accommodate Year 2000 requirements.

EPFV - Enter Projected Factor Values - Log # 4149

Changes have been made to this program to accommodate Year 2000 requirements.

EPPTS - Enter Plan Participant and Termination Summary - Log # 1246, 4026

A column has been added to the PL10 (Print Local Enrollment and Termination Summary) which will display the planned data. In order for this column to be displayed, the plan must be entered for the component or grant code for which the report is run.

Edit checks on total and detail lines were increased. This will prevent the entry of a total line which does not match the sum of the detail lines. Because this edit was missing, the number of planned terminations on the PJ10E report was sometimes incorrect.

EPSW - Enter Performance Standards Worksheet - Log # 4149

Changes have been made to this program to accommodate Year 2000 requirements.

ERF - Enter Registration Form - Log # 3348, 4077, 4183

The edit check on dropout and school type has been removed. This allows the entry of a school type for clients who are dropouts.

ERF - Enter Registration Form

ECA - Enter Contact Addresses

EEF - Enter Enrollment Form

EEMP - Enter Employer Data

ESF - Enter Status Change Form - Log # 4206

Additional access validation has been added to the ERF when the user attempts to access one of the sub-entry programs. If the user is authorized to make changes to the entry screen, the following messages will be displayed:

From ESTAF (Enter Staff ID) - "Entry does not exist in lookup table. Do you want to enter (Y/N)?"

From EZIP (Enter ZIP Code) - "Add new zip record? (Y/N)"

If the user is not authorized to make changes to the entry screen, the following messages will be displayed:

From ESTAF (Enter Staff ID) - "Entry does not exist in lookup table."

From EZIP (Enter ZIP Code) - "Zip record does not exist."

From EEMP (Enter Employer Data) - "Employer record does not exist."

ESF - Enter Status Change Form - Log # 3455, 3644, 3857, 4116

A placement may now be entered as a training related placement, even if the training hours for the placement were recorded on a previous completion form.

Previously, if any changes were made to the termination code or date on a status change form after filing, the termination report period was also updated. The

program has been modified so that a change to the termination code will not update the report period. A change to the termination date will update the report period. Any other changes to the status change form will not affect the termination report period.

MCR - Canned SQL Reports - Log # 4109

The report "yth_ratio" was generating an error if the report was run and there were no in-school youth selected. This problem has been fixed and the report will produce the report even if the SDA has no in-school youth enrolled in the selected grant/agency codes.

PJ10, PJ10E, PJ11 - Print Quarterly Reports - Log # 4107

The option screen for this program has been modified. The option to enter component type except grant code has been removed. The "PJ" reports will now be used to produce grant-level reports only. If component level reports are needed, the "PL" reports should be used.

PJ11 - Print Characteristics Summary - Log # 3956

This report was not calculating the category "School Dropout under Age 30" for youth funding sources. This modification will fix the program so correct numbers will be displayed in this field.

PL10, PL10E, PL11, PLC11 - Print Local Quarterly Reports - Log # 3670, 3689

The local quarterly reports have been modified substantially. The "old PL" reports have been removed and only one version of the "PL" reports will now be available. The PLC11 program has been moved to the MLMR menu and has been removed from the MLR menu.

The following four options may be selected from the "PL" option screens:

- Agency N, Grant N
- Agency Y, Grant Y
- Agency Y, Grant N,
- Agency N, Grant Y

The first three options will generate reports for all clients enrolled and terminated at the specific level requested. The fourth option (Agency N, Grant Y) will generate a report which will match the "PJ" reports when the report period option must be used. This "PL" report (Grant Level Report) will select the first enrollment and last termination record from a funding source and will disregard all other case records which occurred in between.

The “PL” option screens allow the user to select either a report date or report period option. When a report is requested by report period, the dates must be entered in mm/yy format. If the report is requested by report date, the dates will be entered in mm/dd/yy format.

These reports are designed to report information at a local level. Using these programs, the user will get a report of all clients enrolled and terminated at the specific level requested. This differs from the “PJ” reports in that “PJ” reports select only the first enrollment and last termination from a funding source and disregard all case records which came in between.

The description of the component code will be displayed on these reports. This description will only be displayed on the report when the entire component number has been entered in the option screen.

A prompt was added to these reports: “Include zero reports? (Y/N)”. If a “Y” is entered, reports that have zero clients will be printed/displayed. If an “N” is entered, reports that are all zero will not be printed or displayed.

PL10 - Print Local Enrollment and Termination Summary - Log # 1246, 2888, 2967, 3419, 3718

The planned data entered using EPPTS will be displayed in this report.

This report was not previously reporting Employability Enhancements and Competency types correctly. This has been fixed.

Transfers will not be counted when the report is requested at a grant level. Transfers within the funding source will be included in the “All Other Terminations” category.

The hourly wage of terminees entering employment was incorrect due to an error in the selection criteria (the program was using the clients age at eligibility instead of client’s age at participation). This has been corrected.

A request was submitted to allow printing reports for client’s who receive training beyond assessment. Using the “PL” reports, this can be accomplished by entering “!=A” in the activity code field.

PL10E - Print Local Enrollment and Termination Summary (EDWAA) - Log # 4068, 4069

This report was using the activity code to calculate the field “Received Job Search/Job Club”. The program has been modified to use the entry in the field “Job Search/Club” from the Status Change Form.

A correction has been made to the calculation of the fields "New Participant" and "Carry-In" for multi-year projects. If a report is run for the entire period of the project, the carry-in count will be "0". If a report is run for a period within the project period, the carry-in count will be calculated.

PL11 - Print Local Characteristics Summary - Log #3483, 3956

This report was not calculating the category "School Dropout under Age 30" for youth funding sources. This modification will fix the program so correct numbers will be displayed in this field. Additionally the minority male category count is corrected.

PLC11 - Print Local Participant Characteristics Summary - Log # 3956

This report was not calculating the category "School Dropout under Age 30" for youth funding sources. This modification will fix the program so correct numbers will be displayed in this field.

PPSR - Print Performance Standards Report - Log # 4150

Changes have been made to this program to accommodate Year 2000 requirements.

PPSW - Print Performance Standards Worksheet - Log # 4154

Changes have been made to this program to accommodate Year 2000 requirements.

XPPF - Extract Post Program Follow-up - Log # 3440, 3546, 3850, 4158

The report produced by XPPF will now be sorted by grant code and then by client name. A total has been added to the end of the report which will provide a subtotal by grant on the report. The grand total will also still be printed. The client's first name has been added to the report.

Changes have been made to this program to accommodate Year 2000 requirements.

MCAR - Custom Ace Reports - Log # 4102

A request was made to provide the ability to add local SQL statements and ACE reports to an SDA menu. These reports would then be available to SDA staff who do not have command line access.

The MCAR program is added to allow SDA staff to perform this function. This will be a menu of ACE reports specific to an individual SDA. SDA staff may then run the customized report from the JTA menu.

This program functions similarly to MCR, the Canned Report menu, except that it looks for reports in a directory under the control the SDA staff. The name of the directory is \$JTABASE/custom_rpt. This directory will initially be empty.

This function will not be added automatically to an SDA's JTA menu. Certain system changes must be made in order for this to operate properly. If an SDA wishes to use this option, please contact the JTA Help Desk and we will assist you in getting the system changes made.